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RE: Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G67335  
Case No. 800-2018-043641

### Public Letter of Reprimand

On April 25, 2018, the North Carolina Medical Board issued a public letter of concern to you for failing to identify or recommend follow-up for a 5-centimeter mass in a patient's chest and you failed to detect and report the presence of a left pleural effusion that was likely an associated finding.

These actions constitute a violation of California Business and Professions Code sections 141(a), 2234 and 2305.

Pursuant to the authority of the California Business and Professions Code section 2233, you are hereby issued this Public Letter of Reprimand by the Medical Board of California.

Kimberly Kirchmeyer  
Executive Director